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Notification of a Public Teleconference of the Science Advisory Board Chemical Assessment Advisory Committee Augmented for the Ethylene Oxide Review

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public teleconference of the SAB Chemical Assessment Advisory Committee (CAAC) Augmented for the Ethylene Oxide (EtO) Review to discuss its draft report concerning EPA's *Evaluation of the Inhalation Carcinogenicity of Ethylene Oxide (Revised External Review Draft—August 2014)*.

DATES: The public teleconference will be held on Friday, February 20, 2015 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Eastern Time).

ADDRESSES: The teleconference will be conducted by telephone only.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public who wants further information concerning the teleconference may contact Mr. Aaron Yeow, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), via telephone at (202) 564-2050 or e-mail at yeow.aaron@epa.gov. General information concerning the SAB can be found on the SAB website at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App., notice is hereby given that the SAB Augmented CAAC for EtO will hold a public teleconference to discuss its draft report regarding EPA's *Evaluation of the Inhalation Carcinogenicity of Ethylene Oxide (Revised External Review Draft—August 2014)*. The EPA SAB Staff Office augmented the SAB CAAC with subject matter experts to provide advice through the chartered SAB regarding this review.

The SAB was established pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 4365 to provide independent scientific and technical advice to the Administrator on the technical basis for agency positions and regulations. The SAB is a Federal Advisory Committee chartered under FACA. The SAB will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

The SAB Augmented CAAC for EtO held a public meeting on November 18 – 20, 2014 to peer review the EPA's *Evaluation of the Inhalation Carcinogenicity of Ethylene Oxide (Revised External Review Draft—August 2014)*. The purpose of this public teleconference is for the Augmented CAAC for EtO to discuss its draft report peer reviewing the agency's draft document.

Availability of Meeting Materials: Additional background on this SAB activity, the teleconference agenda, draft report, and other materials for the teleconference will be posted on the SAB website at

http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/fedrgstr_activites/Eto%20Inhalation%20Carcinogenicity?OpenDocument

Procedures for Providing Public Input: Public comment for consideration by EPA's federal advisory committees and panels has a different purpose from public comment provided to EPA program offices. Therefore, the process for submitting comments to a federal advisory committee is different from the process used to submit comments to an EPA program office. Federal advisory committees and panels, including scientific advisory committees, provide independent advice to EPA. Members of the public can submit relevant comments pertaining to the group conducting this SAB activity or meeting materials. Input from the public to the SAB will have the most impact if it consists of comments that provide specific scientific or technical information or analysis for the SAB to consider. Members of the public wishing to provide comment should contact the Designated Federal Officer for the relevant advisory committee directly. Oral Statements: In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a public teleconference will be limited to three minutes per speaker. To be placed on the public speaker list for the teleconference, interested parties should notify Mr. Aaron Yeow, DFO, by e-mail no later than February 13, 2015. Written Statements: Written statements for these teleconferences should be received in the SAB Staff Office by the same deadline given above for requesting oral comments. Written statements should be supplied to the DFO via e-mail (acceptable file format: Adobe Acrobat PDF, MS Word, WordPerfect, MS PowerPoint, or Rich Text files in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format). It is the SAB Staff Office general policy to post written comments on the web

page for the advisory meeting or teleconference. Submitters are requested to provide an unsigned version of each document because the SAB Staff Office does not publish documents with signatures on its websites. Members of the public should be aware that their personal contact information, if included in any written comments, may be posted to the SAB website. Copyrighted material will not be posted without explicit permission of the copyright holder.

Accessibility: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Mr. Yeow at the phone number or e-mail address noted above, preferably at least ten days prior to the teleconferences, to give the EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

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